

Application No. 09/723,228

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-13, 16-18, 21-27, 29-30, and 32-33 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 29, and 32 are amended.

35 U.S.C. § 112


Claims 1 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 as indefinite and the Office Action objected to claims 32 and 33, the Office Action asserting informalities present therein. Claims 1 and 29 are amended in accordance with the suggestion in the Office Action. Claim 32 has been amended to correct a grammatical error. Applicant submits that, in view of the foregoing amendments to the pending claims, none are indefinite. Because none of the pending claims are indefinite, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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